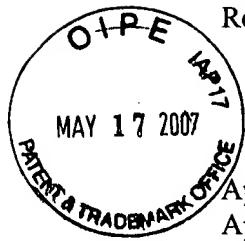


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 12, 2007, having a period for response set to expire on May 12, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.